



CCM 2013 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM supports HB 6529 *An Act Integrating Municipalities Into the Department of Economic and Community Development Electronic Business Portal.*

This bill would allow municipalities to promote local resources and economic development opportunities through an electronic business portal established by DECD. CCM and its members consider this a cost effective and efficient means of highlighting the vast resources and opportunities provided by Connecticut's towns and cities. HB 6529 would help increase collaboration between the state and local governments to promote business development and job growth throughout the state.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report HB 6529** and looks forward to working with members of the committee and representatives of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

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